The Griffith Social and Behavioural Research College (GSBRC) is supported by University-level strategic funding to value-add to the collective research capacity of over 500 researchers in the humanities, and social and behavioural sciences, and their associated postgraduate students.

Through a common program of support and training, the College facilitates the researcher interaction and skills development of Research Centre and Institute members, including [insert your Centre / Institute here], with an aim to improve performance; inter- and multi-disciplinary activities; external partnerships; and methodological improvement. It provides shared access to materials, information, funding opportunities and external collaborations to aid members to progress their research capacity and extend their end-user connections. The College contributes directly to support Higher Degree Research students through advanced qualitative and quantitative methods training programs that complement the basic research training offered by Griffith’s central services, and fosters a stimulating intellectual environment through a series of events presented by internationally recognised scholars.

As an ‘umbrella’ body, College operations and training are supported by two administrative staff and consulting methodologists. Academic leadership and advocacy is delivered by an experienced Coordinator, internationally recognised within their discipline. New facilities to house College staff are planned for 2012.

The College seeks to support Griffith’s vision to see its social and behavioural sciences and humanities recognised, both internationally and nationally, as areas of research excellence, and to contribute to improvements in societal impact and understanding as areas of research critical to shaping our world.

Griffith’s multi-disciplinary social science agenda is also realised by Griffith’s financial commitment to the Queensland Centre for Social Science Innovation (QCSSI), a joint initiative of the Queensland Government and five Queensland universities, with cross-institutional and cross-disciplinary projects to commence in 2012. The overall focus of the QCSSI is research to address social disadvantage.